

## THE CURRENT.

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National Democratic Ticket.



For President—  
Wm. J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.

For Vice-President—  
ARTHUR SEWALL, of Maine.

EDITORIAL.

For Delegate to Congress:  
H. B. Ferguson.

Democratic County Ticket.

For Probate Judge—  
ANANIAS GREEN.

For County Commissioners—  
1st Dist., N. CUNNINGHAM.  
2nd Dist., PETER COHN.  
3rd Dist., G. M. MONROE.

For Sheriff—  
J. L. DOW.

For Probate Clerk—  
W. B. OWEN.

For Assessor—  
W. F. COCHRAN.

For Treasurer—  
S. T. HETTINGA.

For Superintendent of Schools—  
THOMAS SYMTER.

For Surveyor—  
B. A. NYMEYER.

For Coroner—  
J. E. COOPER.

For Road Overseer—  
Precinct No. 1, JOS. HUNT.



RON. W. J. BRYAN

The duties of the local newspaper are sometimes distasteful, especially when the absolute necessity of advocating reforms presents itself. The CURRENT does not wish to be misunderstood and taken as meaning a personal hit when it holds no reduction in expenses of either town, county or territorial government. Economy is one of the fundamental doctrines of democracy, in fact, the rock upon which the faith of the true democrat is based. While we earnestly advocate the combining of the aims of stockmen and marshal and the plan of having all who do not attend to their own neighbor work, and the abatement of an unnecessary expense of \$1,000 per annum by the town of Eddy, it is not the intention to make the master personal. This is a public question, and it is the unpleasant duty of public journal to advocate this reform. In the matter of salaries of county officials the paper claims the work can be done for less, but as it counts among its firm friends about all the county officials, it does not wish to be misinterpreted to mean to harm them, but instead to present a way to get the county out of a quagmire of debt.

The republicans of New Mexico have again nominated Thos. B. Catron for delegate to congress on a platform inducing both a single and double standard, international arbitration, parity courage of the home product of silver, and the optic of Las Vegas, the only republican daily paper with any independence, calls it a "mere nondescript jumble of words, which cannot be considered even a compromise on anything." The republicans closed forty-three for to fifty against Catron in convention assembled, and should of course have had respect enough for the intelligence of the people to have made a platform in keeping with the moral sentiment of the convention, for none who read platforms will be guiled by so coarse a pile of words as that you forth as last year.

### OUR TO THE INVESTIGATOR.

In the midst of the excitement incident to the presidential campaign, the people of New Mexico must not lose sight of the fact that we are to meet this fall certain local issues of paramount importance.

Reform in our methods of county government is imperatively demanded, says the Democrat of Albuquerque, Winslow it, a majority of the counties of New Mexico will stand face to face with inevitable bankruptcy.

Our expenses every year are far in excess of our income. We have provided for the deficiency from year to year by the issue of bonds, thus weakening our credit and increasing our expenses, till we have passed the danger line, and in most counties have reached the constitutional limit. We have come to the end of our borrowing and we cannot increase our tax levy, for we are already up to the maximum, and the people of the territory are not able to pay a heavier tax, even if the law would permit it to be levied.

Many of the counties are so far behind with their current obligations that the "vouchers" in which they pay are not worth more than 50 cents on the dollar. This doubles our expenses in everything but fixed salaries, and thus drives the county faster and faster toward hopeless insolvency.

We must call a halt. We must make a radical reform in our fancy pay roll, and come down to a business basis.

With the exemption of two or three minor positions, our county officers are paid larger salaries than would be paid in the states to like officials in a county with a population as great as that of the entire territory of New Mexico. This is utterly at variance with all reason, justice or business sense, and such a condition of things should not be permitted to exist a week after the meeting of the next legislature.

A bill should be passed providing for a radical reform. It should not be a mere slight reduction, but should cut deep. Some salaries could be reduced to one fourth the sum now paid, and nearly all to one half, and still give our officials much better pay for their services than the most of them could get in any other line of business, and more than a vast majority of our people are now receiving. And the new schedule should take effect at once. If it is to be postponed for two years it is not worth while to take any action in the matter at all, for parties interested will be sure to have a lobby on hand at the next session sufficiently strong to secure a repeal. We have tried that plan twice, and it has been a flat failure both times.

We have got to the point now where we can't afford to temporize with the matter any longer, and the local campaign in every county should be fought strictly on that issue, thus giving full notice to candidates of what it is intended to do.

This is a phase of the "money question" that comes home to all of us, and both parties should see to it that only such men are put on their legislative tickets as will stand uncompromisingly for radical reform.

The Democrat is right. Our county officials are paid too high salaries for a new country. In counties of the sparse population of Eddy the office of probate judge is well paid at \$50 per annum. There is sixteen days' work per year in the official duties. The probate clerk, treasurer, superintendent of schools, and jailer or janitor for a sheriff, are all paid too highly, and present unusual opportunities for retrenchment and reform. All who are elected as members of the coming legislature should be pledged in advance to economy, or the counties will shortly be bankrupt. In fact Eddy county is already bankrupt, as it has a debt of \$22,000 it will never be able to pay unless stringent economy is practiced, and the cause may shortly be said of the towns of the territory.

Here's a proposition set forth in the Silver City Eagle which the New Mexico officials to the prayerful consideration of the tax payers of Santa Fe county: "Several thousand dollars a year might be saved in this county in the matter of salaries, and it is high time that the tax-payers were looking after their interests in this direction. No business man would think of paying such salaries as are paid to the county officials for an equal amount of work and there is no reason why the county should pay them." —New Mexican.

The work done the past two days upon the streets of Eddy is the first real mercenary expense incurred since the town was incorporated, except the regular pay of a ditch and street man and the regular horsemen on the streets. Thousands of dollars have been spent with nothing to show. While the members of the board have done considerable work free, much might have been saved that was not saved, and there is still opportunity for radical reforms. The streets of Eddy need every cent that is possible to raise by taxation. There is not a street in the town that does not need work.

The Las Vegas Optic, the leading republican paper of New Mexico, and

possibly the best edited paper in the territory, has placed H. B. Ferguson's name at the head of its columns and taken down McKinley's picture. It promises to oppose the republican party until it gets right on the money question, and will oppose Catron because of his record as delegate the past two years.

### A PLAIN STATEMENT.

From

Sugar beets

Grown on American

Soil we can make all the

Sugar American people can

Consume. We import \$100,000,000

Worth of sugar annually. Support

this industry and it will support,

directly and indirectly, 5,000,000 of

American people.

The sugar beets grown in the Pecos Valley of New Mexico, under the greatest irrigation system in America, contain more sugar to the weight of the beet than was ever known since the birth of that wonderful vegetable.

The results in dollars on well cultivated fields range from \$50 to \$100 per acre.

MORE THAN EQUAL TO PAY FOR THE LAND THE FIRST.

The eighth beet sugar factory in the United States is now completed in Eddy, New Mexico.

The crop of beets that is ripening ready for the factory's first campaign is a success, and shows the wonderful adaptation of this valley to this industry. More than \$20,000 will be necessary to afford the mill capacity we require to utilize the vast acreage now waiting the farmer. We want people with brawn and brain. No loafers need apply.

In ten years the Pecos Valley will be shipping 50,000,000 pounds of refined sugar, and 15,000 people will be living contentedly and prosperously upon the little acres now lying idle.

This is no prophecy. Any man with half an eye can see it if he has looked on and seen the work now accomplished.

Arthur S. Goetz, the general manager of the sugar factory, is making an astonishing record in the construction of the works in Eddy. Begun in June and ready for operation in five months is little short of marvelous.

"We shall see what we shall see," but nothing short of a volcano or an earthquake can prevent the wave of prosperity that the tide of progress has started out upon from reaching its full height in the very near future.

The CURRENT received this week a copy of "The Money Problem, or Disraeli vs. a Gold Standard" by Hon. L. Bradford Prince, governor of New Mexico during the Harrison administration. Mr. Prince has made a very concise, simple and easily readable pamphlet, which is sold for 25 cents, and is printed by the J. S. Ogallie Pub. Co., 27 Rose street. It tells all about metallism and makes plain the money question. It proves that both gold and silver should be used for money, and neither for token coinage, as is now the case with silver practically.

George Curry received the nomination in the Council convention which met at Las Cruces this week.

The best fields of the Pecos valley are simply immense, and beets are a cash crop. No matter how the election goes there will be money here this fall.

Every man who edits a newspaper is not a newspaper man. The newspaper man is created, not manufactured. The brightest of journalists buy, bought, neither can it be sold, it plucks turkeys, it bleeds and bleeds; the spell of its enchantment lasts with life itself. It is a profession demanding peculiar qualifications, and calling into exercise a tone of talent exclusively its own. The ability of a Webster cannot supplant the nose for news, nor the genius of a Burke minister to minds that subsist on a substantial diet which enlarges, ennobles and elevates, while amusing them.—Las Vegas Optic.

No more excellent nomination for delegate than that of H. B. Ferguson could have been conceived by the democrats of New Mexico. Mr. Ferguson is one of the wheell horses of the silver cause in the territory, and is not too radical on other lines, so he will undoubtedly command the votes of the free silver republicans, who out number ten to one the sheep men democrats who are sore over the loss of a tariff. New Mexico is going democratic this year, and don't forget it.

Reuben P. Gold, father of the popular party in Alabama, and editor of the People's Tribune of Birmingham, has published an editorial indorsing Bryan and the entire democratic ticket.

A cloud-burst occurred in the Wetstone mountain in Arizona Thursday, which washed away a part of the town of Benson and caused a loss of six lives.

Thieves and pickpockets did a good business at El Paso's fire day. There was also a lively swap between two cowboys and two cowgirls, which resulted in the defeat of the latter.

At 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, at the residence of John Phillips in Deming, Charles Poe, of Cook's Peak, and Miss May Birrellish, of Deming, were made one, the ceremony being performed by Justice of the Peace Louis I. Marshall.

Two car-loads of machinery have arrived for the stamp mill, and another is expected next week. It is being placed in position as rapidly as possible, and at this writing it is expected everything will be in shape for operation the first of November. Amalgamation and concentration is the system by which the ore will be reduced and the gold extracted. If the mill proves a success, quite a town will spring into existence in the San Mateo-San Marcial area.

A train of nineteen cars of wool was shipped this week from Las Vegas to St. Louis.

A post office has been established at Mangus, Grant county.

### BEST SIZES.

The very best "protection" we can possibly have at the present time is the complete restoration of silver. So long as we must sell our wheat and cotton and petroleum and many other things in the European market on a free trade silver basis, in competition with the silver-using countries, those staples are bound to be cheap, and the producers of such things cannot afford to pay higher prices for manufactured goods. Restore silver and the price of it will rise in the European market.

As silver rises so must those things that are based on it. It will bring prosperity to the agriculturist particularly, whose labor constitutes the basis of all industry. He will be able to buy the products of the factory at fair prices, and thus the benefits will spread themselves throughout the entire country.—Metallist.

### LARGEST SCHOOL ON EARTH.

Hebrews of London support an institution with Thirty-Five Hundred Pupils.

The largest school in the world is located in the heart of London's village suburbs. Thirty-five hundred Jewish children constitute its clientele, and a peer of the realm—Lord Rothschild—presides over its destinies. It is an auxiliary place of learning, says the New York Journal. The children are poor church mice, and if it were not for the Rothschild munificence there would be no school there at all. Every April, about the time of the Jewish paschal, each boy is presented with a suit of clothes and a pair of boots, each girl with a dress and a pair of shoes. When it comes October, if the April boots are worn out and poverty prevents the youngster from having another pair, Lord Rothschild sees to it that the want is supplied. In connection with this school there is a savings bank department. The interest allowed on deposits is ten per cent. per annum, although the amount of individual savings on which this interest is paid is not to exceed five pounds. The teachers in the school may also avail themselves of the benefit of the bank, but the maximum individual savings in this instance are limited to £15 per annum.

A terrible storm in Florida destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property and killed 100 people Tuesday of this week. The storm extended north to the great lakes, doing damage in all the eastern states.

Candido Bros. will deliver fresh vegetables Tuesdays and Saturdays. Orders left at this office will be filled first.

### REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

For the benefit of our readers who reside in other places than Eddy, the ticket nominated by the republicans of Eddy county is given herewith:

For Probate Judge,

D. C. BRYANT.

For County Commissioners,

First District, J. F. RAREY.

Second District, FRANK RHEINHOLD.

Third District, JULIAN SMITH.

For Probate Clerk, ALEX. ROEGE.

For Sheriff, L. ANDERSON.

For Assessor, FRANK McCLEARY.

For Treasurer, J. F. MATHESON.

For Superintendent of Schools, A. S. PRATT.

For Surveyor, S. H. COLE.

For Coroner, J. W. TURNER,

The Times to subscribe.

The old newspaper saying, "now is the time to subscribe," was never more true than at present. The times are so full of incident, so many important national and state affairs are shaping themselves for a change, that no one can afford to be without a metropolitan daily or weekly. The St. Louis Republic, the greatest democratic newspaper, is making a special offer of its daily and Sunday paper for three months at \$1.50. It is \$6 a year by mail. The Twice-a-Week Republic is sent twice a week—104 pages—for only \$1 a year. In addition to all the political news, it prints every day a spread of general news and features not equalled by any other paper.

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